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### PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> against Elamin Wilkins, charging him with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). The indictment charges that on or about November 10, 2006, Elamin Wilkins, being a convicted felon, possessed a Smith & Wesson, nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol, Model 469, serial number A867199, loaded with 13 rounds of live ammunition, in Philadelphia, PA.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Elamin Wilkins	Philadelphia, PA	31 years old

If convicted, Elamin Wilkins faces 10 years imprisonment, a 3 year period of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and a special assessment of \$100.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Curtis R. Douglas and Melanie E. Babb.

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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